(b) if 10, by when; and

(c) the step taken so far in this regard ?

THE DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER AND THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI DEVI LAL (a) to (c) It has b«««n dftcidnd to shift the headquarters of M/s. Paradeep Phosphates Ltd., from. New Delhi to Bhubaneswar by April/May 1990.

Refusal to accept milk powder and butter oil aid from EEC

400. SHRI BAIKUNTHA NATH SAHU : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have refused to accept milk powder and butter oil as food aid from European Economic Community under operation flood programme this year ;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether any alternative proposal of aid and assistance had been given to European Economic Community in exchange of the offer of milk powder and butter oil ; and

(d) if so, the details thereof ?

THE DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER AND THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI DEVI LAL) : (a) to (d) There has been a substantial increase in milk production and collection of milk by the cooperative dairies throughout the country underwent a significant increase during the current flush season compared with the previous years. In view of the substantial" carry-over stocks of indigenous milk powder with the cooperatives and considering the quantum that would be manufactured during the flush season of 1989-90, the European Economic Community has been requested to provide equivalent cash assistance in lieu of commodity assistance under Food Aid Programme for 1990.

Conversioa of cities into satellite cities

401. SHRI JAGADISH JANI : Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government propose to convert some of the cities into satellite cities and if so, the steps taken in that direction ;

(b) what are the cities converted so far into or in the process of conversion into satellite cities; and

(c) the details of specific steps taken in that direction ?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN): (a) Presently there is no policy of converting cities into satellite cities'.

(b) and (c) Do not arise inview of reply to (a) above.

Irregularities" in employment of SC/ ST candidates in Khurdha Road Railway Division

402. SHRI JAGADISH JANI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware of the large scale irregularities in the matter of employment to the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes candidates in Khurdha Road Railway Division in Orissa ; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken to remove such irre gularities and to give justice to them?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES) : (a) and (b) A represen-